Happy Thanksgiving

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For the employees and retirees of the New Jersey Department of Transportation

NJDOTers to be polled on critical issues

Employees throughout the Department are being be asked their opinions of critical long-term issues facing the Department. Their answers will be studied by Department employees and consultants who are responsible for putting together the transportation goals, strategies, performance standards as part of the Department's 1993 business plan and its long-range plan for the next decades.

In addition to Policy and Planning staffs, NJDOTers from across the Department are being asked to provide input as members of the Management or Action Teams or focus groups.

"It makes sense to involve as many people as possible if the business plan is to become something more than just the paper it is printed on, if it has a chance to achieve its goals," said Bill Beetle, Director of Transportation Systems, one of the leaders of the long-range plan.

Bill Ankner, Director of Policy and Capital Programming, is directing the business plan and long-range financial plan teams. "The stakes are high for us," he said.

"This Department is undergoing serious changes as we move from a builder/landlord role to an operator/landlord role and, at the same time, grapple with Clean Air standards, congested corridors and funding."

Beetle and Ankner are working with a Management Team that is directing the process, composed of Assistant Commissioner Christine M. Johnson, Bob Kraml from Planning; Barbara Richardson from Communications; Fran Hooper and Debbie Finn from NJ TRANSIT.

In addition, an NJDOT Action ("A") Team has been selected to serve as liaison between the Department employees and the planning groups. The "A-team" includes the following people: Dennis Keck, Madeline Rumowicz, Policy and Planning; Kurt Aufschneider, Region IV; Steve Hanson, Finance and Administration; Ron Jones, Design; Dan Wolfe and Eileen Fitzpatrick, Construction and Maintenance; Dottie Kish, Communications; Art Silber, Deputy Commissioner's Office. A representative from NJ TRANSIT will be named.

Two groups of 12 employees each, a cross-section of the Department, have been selected to participate in focus group discussions on different aspects of the business plan. The focus group technique is used to solicit comments and suggestions from a small representative group of people on specific topics, for example, the Department's mission and regionalization.

NJDOTers are invited to submit their thoughts on the critical issues to the Communications Office, Critical Issues Study, CN 600, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Maintenance crews seal joints on I-295 in Burlington County

Employees from several maintenance yards in Region IV were on I-295 in Burlington County this month to replace joint sealant. Maintenance workers from left to right are Jim Schofield, Maintenance Worker I, and Dean DeQuattro, Truck Driver, Crew 410, Pennsauken; Gil Toomer, Truck Driver, Crew 411, Cherry Hill; Eugene Askin, Maintenance Worker I, Crew 415, West Berlin and Bill Hagan, Maintenance Worker I, Crew 411, Cherry Hill.

NJ WORKS! yields 30% more bids in '92

In 1992, the ongoing effort to award transportation construction contracts under the *New Jersey WORKS!* program continued to produce results, with a 30 percent increase in the number of projects put out to bid compared to 1991.

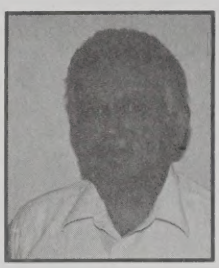
By the end of 1992, NJDOT expects that 161 projects valued at $596 million will be advertised, compared to 125 projects valued at $491 million in 1991.

"We made a commitment and are living up to it," said Commissioner Downs. "Despite all the difficulties of the last year, we are delivering projects when each job counts, public investment in New Jersey's infrastructure is helping lead our state through this prolonged national recession. My congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to another banner capital program year."

Focus on Region III —

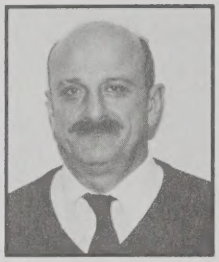
What do the Mission/Value Statements mean to you?

Region III employees recently discussed their views of the Mission/Value statements. Here are excerpts from their interviews. (Look for other employees' comments in upcoming issues of the *Transporter*.



"I think the Department does a great job of training us. Personally, I have attended numerous courses to gain more expertise. I have recommended a number of people under me take training courses. As a matter of fact, I recommended a female engineer take a CPM course and it will be a definite advantage to her."

John Corbo
Project Engineer,
Region III Construction,
I-295, 7J, Bordentown

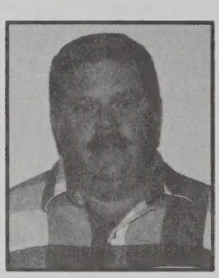


"Our mission is the movement of people and goods – just from that, we have procedures in construction that allows us to construct transportation facilities while at the same time maintain the movement of people and goods. When we have to work on a highway right in our plans there are provisions to maintain the flow of traffic (people and goods)."

Joe Padalino
Supervising Engineer,
Region III Construction,
Freehold

"I really believe the first value – about the needs of our customers and work to satisfy their safety, comfort and convenience."

Cindy Price
Secretarial Assistant III,
Region III Materials,
Freehold

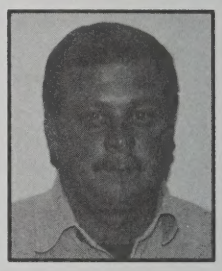


"Customers are the people who ride up and down the street everyday ..."

Kevin Britton
Crew Supervisor,
Maintenance Crew 327,
Lakehurst

"The first one (valuing the needs of our customers), I value that. It's our job to do what we have to do out there. We have to make the travel roadway safe for the public. The majority of my people feel that way."

Steve Myslinski
Crew Supervisor,
Maintenance Crew 314, West Trenton



"I will be honest. The first thing I did with the Mission/Value Statements was glance at it quickly and then throw it away. But when I was asked to comment on it I re-read it. And it really describes Electrical and how we operate 100%! We take a lot of pride in the work we do."

David Wells, Assistant Reg. Electrical Supervisor, Region III, Wall Township

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Engagement

Gerard Stebner, Manager 2, Right of Way and **Kelly Anne Edwards**, Secretarial Assistant III, Office of Inspector General were recently engaged. They are planning a May 1993 wedding.

New Arrivals

Lucy Sanderson, Administrative Assistant III, Bureau of Community Involvement, and her husband, Gary, welcomed their first child, Marrisa Angela, June 15.

Eileen Rainieri, Secretarial Assistant I, Capital Management and Programming, and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed a son, Chad Albert, July 26.

B.J. Shah, Principal Engineer, Roadway Plans & Specifications, and his wife, Dipti, welcomed a baby girl, Sonika, July 26.

David Sereni, Administrative Analyst II, Project Support, C&M, and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Brian James, born August 27.

Todd Taylor, Community Services Technician, Bureau of Community Involvement, and his wife, Terri, recently welcomed their fourth child, Chynna Anteré, October 12.

Obituaries

Bernice Haley, 86, died June 21. She was a Principal Clerk Stenographer before retiring in 1972. She started with the Department in 1958 as a Clerk Stenographer with Design.

Eleanor Conaghan Waivers, 79, died July 8. Waivers retired in 1980 as a head clerk after 30 years of service. She began her career with the Department in 1954 as a File Clerk. She is survived by a son, Michael.

Erwin Schmeidl, 38, died July 29. Schmeidl was a Senior Engineer with Region V Materials. He started his career with the Department in 1977 as a Technician Trainee. He is survived by his wife, Carol, a son, his parents and a brother.

Prosper N. Ambricco, 74, died July 30. He was a mechanic for the Department for sixteen years before retiring in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, two daughters, two sisters and six grandchildren.

John F. Carty, 82, died August 25. He was a chauffeur with the Department for over 30 years before retiring in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, two daughters and a sister.

Frederick B. Ott, 77, died August 30. Ott was a Maintenance Worker I with C&M before retiring in 1980. He started in 1963 as a Laborer. He is survived by his daughter, Betty Jane, two sisters, seven grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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